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For: IRRADIATION SYSTEM AND ITS IRRADIATION  
TARGET MOVEMENT MONITORING METHOD AND  
IRRADIATION TARGET POSITION RECOGNIZING  
METHOD

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 9, 2002

Sir:

Under the provisions of MPEP § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is  
hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. Application(s):

<u>Appl. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group</u>
09/369,316	August 6, 1999	
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U.S. application(s) may be deemed to relate to the present  
application, and thus may be material to the prosecution of this  
instant application.

Copies of cited U.S. patent application(s) (specification,  
claims, and the drawings) or copies of the portion of the

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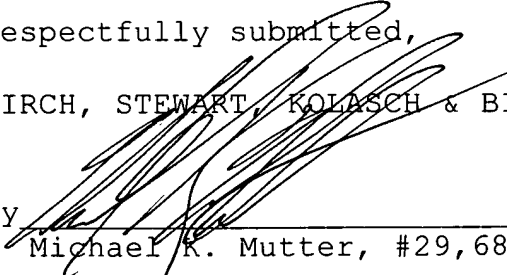
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Respectfully submitted,

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